

Agenda

Special Public Art Committee Meeting

February 25, 2008
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Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 pm

The City Council is committed to providing a livable and vibrant community for all its citizens and visitors. Based on the community's suggestions received and subsequent City Council discussions and direction, the City Council established a Public Art Committee, by Ordinance No. 271(2005).

I. Call to Order

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

IV. Seating of Alternates

V. Approval of Agenda: February 25, 2008

VI. Approval of Minutes: January 28, 2008

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record and limit their comments to three minutes. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

- A. Introduction of Artist: Committee Member Rabe will introduce artist Yeh Fei Pai whose art was displayed as part of the Phantom Art Gallery.
- B. Form 700: Committee members are reminded that they must submit their annual Form 700 "Statement of Economic Interests". The form may be downloaded at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/forms/700-07/Form700-07-08.pdf>. Paper copies are available at the City Clerk's office.
- C. Commissioners' Celebration Brunch 2008: Save the date: Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 11 a.m. Committee members will be receiving formal invitations.

IX. Old Business

1. Election of Officers

Background: At the January 28, 2008 meeting the election of officers was postponed because not all committee members were in attendance.

The Committee shall select a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from the appointed Committee members. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall serve for

one-year terms while on the Committee, unless extended to a second one-year term by majority vote of the Committee. No Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson shall serve more than two consecutive one-year terms.

Recommendation: Nominate and vote on the selection of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Public Art Committee.

2. Cookbook Update

Background: As of the end of January 2007, a total of 92 cookbooks were sold generating sales of \$1380.00. Of this, \$1275.12 was deposited into the PAC Fund and \$104.88 into the City's Sales Tax Revenue account. Staff will report updates at each PAC meeting. Staff has provided the Information Desk with a list of PAC members to avoid cookbook distribution problems in the future. The list has also been made available to the entire City Clerks office and the office of the City Manager. The PAC requested a proposal for the remaining cookbooks and what to do with them and asked that those cookbooks with lamination curling are returned to the publisher and that another email reminder to sell more cookbooks be sent citywide.

Recommendation: Staff and PAC members discuss opportunities for continued sales and provide direction for next steps.

3. Public Art Committee Bylaws and Procedures Manual

Background: Committee members requested at the last meeting clarification on the PAC Bylaws specifically regarding 'alternates' and 'resignations.' Also, requested was the PAC Manual to understand the procedures and methods of choosing an artist for public art. The Manual and Bylaws are attached.

Recommendation: Discussion of issues and provide direction on any implementation steps.

4. Art in the Park

Background: Committee Member Cherry requested at the last meeting to add this discussion item to the agenda. She would also have the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts participate on this topic.

Recommendation: Note. Receipt. File.

5. Art Sculpture for the DeVries Place Senior Housing Project

Background: The artwork that has been proposed by Mr. Van de Kerkchove is a ten-foot-tall corten-copper sculpture standing on a two-foot-tall concrete base that would adorn the courtyard at Devries Place and would be visible from both Main Street and the Santa Clara County Medical Center. The placement of the sculpture was chosen for optimal visibility. The fluid, curved planes of the sculpture express an organic shape that is both abstract and accessible and will be a harmonious part of the courtyard design. Over time, the corten-copper material will develop a natural warm brown patina. The rounded forms of the sculpture will catch the light differently at various times of day, so that subtle changes in color and shadow will give it continuous interest. The style was chosen deliberately to both compliment the modern architecture of Devries Place while also blending well with the historic Devries House.

Aaron Van de Kerchove is an up and coming artist and sculptor from Santa Cruz, CA. He's had his work exhibited in several local galleries and has his work on

permanent display in many public spaces as well, including the Mount Madonna Center in Watsonville, CA.

Attached is an exhibit of the proposed art sculpture. A color and material board along with an enhanced picture of the art sculpture will be provided to the Commission at the meeting.

Recommendation: Take action on the proposed art sculpture for the DeVries Senior Housing Project and forward recommendation to the City Council.

6. Subcommittee Update on 2008 Tea in the Trees Event

Background: At the last meeting a subcommittee was formed to discuss the possibility of having a Tea in the Trees event in 2008 and to provide a proposal at the February 25, 2008 meeting. The subcommittee members are Butler, Moss, Rabe, and Tsuei.

Recommendation: The Tea in the Trees Subcommittee will recommend an event proposal for approval.

7. Update on Moving the 'Cartwheel Kids' Sculpture

Background: At the last meeting the committee approved moving the 'Cartwheel Kids' sculpture from in front of City Hall to the new Library site, specifically in front of the old Grammar School on the grassy area. This request needed to go to City Council for final approval and the committee would like an update on the City Council actions.

At the September 25, 2007 meeting of the Council Library Subcommittee, staff conveyed the PAC's vote to relocate the Cartwheel Kids from city Hall to the new Library. Library Project Management staff indicated that in order for the Library Architect, Group4, to assist in the relocation effort, the cost would be approximately \$5,000. The Subcommittee did not take a vote on this action and the Vice Mayor was clear that he did not see the value of moving the art. However, he did suggest that the full Council may feel differently and recommended that it be brought before the Council. He also asked information on the cost to install the art at City Hall.

The total cost of the Cartwheel Kids artwork and installation at City Hall in 2004 was \$22,873, of which \$10,373 was for installation. The Library Project Manager estimates that the cost for relocation to the library could be \$15,000 including removal, transportation, and any cleaning or repair before replacement and restoration of the former location at City Hall. This cost estimate does not include any funds for engineering a new foundation, design costs and artist fees.

Since the PAC has already voted on this item, staff requests that further direction be given on presenting this item to the City Council, including recommendation on funding sources and if replacement of the City Hall art is to be included in the recommendation.

Recommendation: Staff to update on the City Council actions regarding the 'Cartwheel Kids' sculpture and on replacing the art in front of City Hall.

8. Milpitas BART Station Glass Artist Approved Recommendation

Background: At the last meeting, Gail Collins and Jack Mackie of VTA presented the Committee with the recommended Glass Artist named Ms. BJ Katz. The

Committee agreed to recommend Ms. Katz to City Council for final approval, but did not make a Motion.

Recommendation: The Committee needs to make a Motion of approval of the Glass Artist Ms. BJ Katz.

X. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PAC is March 24, 2008.

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